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RWANDA: U.S. ASSISTANCE

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What assistance is the U.S. providing in Rwanda?

Answer

We have an interest in preventing renewed ethnic conflict, genocide, and mass movements of refugees which affect the stability of the region. Of Rwanda's population of 7 1/2 million, an estimated 500,000 were killed in last year's violence and over 2 million refugees remain outside the country.

We have made clear that our assistance depends on the Rwandan Government creating conditions that will promote refugee return and national reconciliation. We are providing \$9 million to help the government become operational and rebuild the justice system, and \$2.5 million to help pay off Rwanda's World Bank arrears in order to free up World Bank financing.

We have contributed over \$270 million in humanitarian aid since the crisis began in April 1994. We deployed over 2,000 U.S. troops last summer to accelerate relief efforts.

We supported deployment of 6000 UN peacekeepers to help stabilize the situation (at an estimated six-month cost to the U.S. of \$36.5 million) and provided \$750,000 for UN human rights monitors in Rwanda. About 80 are in country. We plan to contribute at least \$1 million for the International Tribunal, as well as detailing personnel.

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RWANDA: CAMP SECURITY

Question

What about the deteriorating security situation in the Rwandan refugee camps? Are the Hutus preparing to revive the civil war?

Answer

There have been sporadic incursions into Rwanda from Zaire, and we remain concerned about insecurity and intimidation in the refugee camps. Host countries have principal responsibility for assuring security, but the international community recognizes that host governments need assistance.

UNHCR has recently signed an agreement with the Government of Zaire which we hope will begin to address the problem. We understand Zaire will provide 1,500 troops to enhance security, and a small contingent of expatriate security experts detailed to UNHCR will oversee the operation. Our support would be through normal contributions to UNHCR's relief efforts.

UNHCR is also helping to fund additional local security contingents in the Tanzanian camps.

We support efforts of the UN peacekeepers and the Rwandan Government to disarm dangerous elements and enhance security within the displaced persons camps inside Rwanda.

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RWANDA: USE OF ZAIRIAN TROOPS IN CAMPS

Question

Are the Zairian forces capable of providing the type of camp security needed, given their history in the camps and elsewhere?

Answer

The problem of security in the Zaire camps offers no easy solution. The UN approached several countries and found little interest in providing foreign forces to assure security in the camps. The UNHCR and UN Secretary General have concluded that the proposal to use Zairian forces in the camps is the best available alternative.

While we are cognizant of the problems associated with Zairian security forces, we believe that if properly paid, equipped and supervised, they can contribute to an improvement in the security situation.

In this regard, it should be noted that Zairian forces have been handling security in the area around the camps for several months. While insecurity and intimidation remain a problem, there has been some improvement in security conditions, in part due to measures taken by Zairian forces in the area.

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